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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 **Introductory Comments**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2005, the period for response being extended from June 11, 2005 until July 11, 2005, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following remarks beginning on page 2.